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City of Beaverton's SEIU Employees Ratify New Three-Year Agreement

Beaverton, Oregon (July 1, 2009) – Mayor Denny Doyle announced today that Beaverton's largest represented employee group, SEIU Local 503 OPEU, overwhelmingly voted to ratify a new three-year agreement with the City.

"To have a solid vote of support agreeing to a contract, with no cost of living increase for the coming year, is mindful of the state of our economy. We, as public servants, are not immune to this economic downturn," said Mayor Denny Doyle.

City employee and union president Lawrence Arnbrister joined the Mayor in saying, "We know that in these difficult economic times, everyone has to come together and find solutions that are best for their communities. In Beaverton, we agreed to forgo a cost of living increase this year to ensure the important services we provide continue."

The City of Beaverton consists of 480 employees, of which 221 are SEIU employees and 139 are members of the Beaverton Police Association (BPA). The City and the BPA are still in negotiations. City workers provide many essential City services including planning, public safety, library, and maintenance of street, water, storm and sewer infrastructure.

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